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To: District Managers and Field Managers

From: Associate State Director

Subject: Wyoming 2009 Wildland Fire Preparedness Reviews DD: 5/15/09

Program Area: Fire Operations—Preparedness Reviews

Purpose: This Informational Bulletin provides Wyoming Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Managers (State Director, District Managers and Field Managers) with information regarding the implementation of Preparedness Reviews for the 2009 wildland fire season. Specifically, the bulletin clarifies:

1. What District will have a Preparedness Review conducted by the Wyoming State Office
2. What Districts will conduct their own preparedness reviews, and;
3. What date the Preparedness Reviews need to be completed.

Policy/Action: The Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book), Chapter 2, requires pre-season preparedness reviews be conducted by BLM Managers at National, State, District, and Field Office or Resource Area level annually.

This year a Wildland Fire Preparedness Review will be conducted at the High Plains District Office by the Wyoming State Office. The review will begin the week of June 14, 2009. A tentative schedule has been attached identifying the dates that the review team will arrive at the District. A final itinerary will be sent to the District Office prior to the review.

Reviews will be completed using the standard Fire and Aviation Preparedness Review Guide and Checklists, which can be viewed and/or downloaded at:

http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/fireops/preparedness/preparedness_review.html.

Cliff Hutton, Office of Fire and Aviation, has been identified as the team leader for this 2009 review. The successes of reviews depend on the support from the District Office and the Wyoming State Office. We are requesting nominees for the review teams in the following subject matter areas:

Dispatch Operations
Warehouse/Fire Facilities
Fire Operations
Line Management
Administration

All per diem and any overtime accrued for BLM team members of the review team will be paid by the Wyoming State Office, WY-931. Please submit names of potential team members and their area of expertise to the Office of Fire and Aviation by May 15, 2009.

The Rock Springs and Wind River-Bighorn Basin Districts must complete an internal review of their respective programs by June 30, 2009, and submit completed checklists to the Office of Fire and Aviation by July 7, 2009. District Fire Management Officers are encouraged to enlist the aid of experts from adjoining Fire Management Units to assist in these reviews.

Any questions regarding these reviews should be directed to Cliff Hutton, Office of Fire and Aviation at (303) 239-3687.

Timeframe: Effective immediately. Line Officers will ensure that preparedness reviews are conducted within areas of their responsibility and they are aware of the results prior to July 1, 2009.

Budget Impact: Costs may be incurred as a result of conducting the various State and Unit level preparedness reviews. Costs should be considered a standard part of providing oversight for wildland fire management programs at the State and Unit level and covered within current budget allocations.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None. Direction follows that outlined in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book), Chapter 2.

Contact: For questions related to this memorandum, contact Jeff Fedrizzi, State Fire Management Officer, at (307) 775-6234.

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1 Attachment:

1 - Fire and Aviation Preparedness Review Schedule (1 p.)

Fire and Aviation Preparedness Review
June 14-17, 2009
High Plains District

June 14, 2009

Team travels to Casper
Review Team Meets
RON Casper

June 15, 2006

Team opens with High Plains District Office
Review of Casper program
RON Casper

June 16, 2006

Continue Casper review
Close out with High Plains District Office
RON Casper

June 17, 2006

Operations Team travels to home
Team Leader and Wyoming State Fire Management Officer
Close-out with Wyoming State Director